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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OBI FY 1957 and FY 1958 Personnel Requirements

1. The OBI FY 1957 Operating Budget, submitted on 1 June 1956, was based on an authorized personnel strength of 80 (plus 3 military). The FY 1958 Preliminary Estimate provided for an increase of 5 civilian positions, to a total of 85 (plus 3 military). In accordance with a DD/I decision on 21 August 1956, the OBI Office Estimates, Fiscal Year 1958, have been based on a personnel strength of 75 (plus one military) in both FY 1957 and FY 1958.

2. Since Fiscal Year 1957 began, OBI has had to augment its on-board strength of 78 by using overtime at a rate in excess of two man-weeks each week. In effect, OBI is operating at the 80-position strength set forth in the FY 1957 Operating Budget.

3. The unique position of OBI in the IP Group rests in the fact that OBI does not generate its own production. As the principal coordinating office for the interagency NIS Program, OBI is not a free agent in determining its office workload, but must process as received NIS material produced by the contributing agencies in response to the JCS annual production requirement of eight equivalent NIS. Moreover, as U.S. Government requirements for basic intelligence (i.e., psychological warfare, international communism, key personalities, etc.) have expanded, the content of individual NIS has grown accordingly, so that the editing and review involved in processing eight equivalent NIS today is substantially greater than it was even two years ago. As the full impact of the expanded international communism coverage is felt, the processing burden in OBI will further increase.

4. These basic considerations, which led OBI to request support for 80 civilian positions (plus 3 military) in FY 1957 and an increase to 85 civilian positions (plus 3 military) in FY 1958, are still present and are fully supportable in terms of the original justification.

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